

Appendix J: Review and Comment Process

The Assessment was first reviewed by DNR staff across Divisions and regions. It was then presented to forestry partners, technical experts and the public for review. Reviewer's comments were reviewed by the Statewide Forest Assessment Guidance Team (see Appendix L for the members of this DNR interdisciplinary team). The team determined whether or not to make edits to the document based on the comments. Rationales for why certain comments will/will not be used will be recorded and on file with the Division of Forestry.

Over 300 stakeholders were sent the Assessment and invited to review the document. This included outreach to federal land managers (e.g., FWS, national forests, S&PF, Forest Products Lab), conservation organizations (e.g. TNC), local units of government (e.g., Land and water conservation), landowner associations (e.g., WWOA), advisory boards, councils (e.g., Urban Council), professional organizations (e.g., SAF), and businesses (e.g., consulting foresters, paper industry).

Meetings were held with the following partner groups to gather input and discuss the Assessment:

Forest Stewardship Committee, Council on Forestry, Council on Urban Forestry, Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) representatives (Bureau of Endangered Resources), Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Wisconsin County Forest Association, Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association, Voigt Task Force, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, BMP Water Advisory Committee, NRCS – State Technical Committee, Wisconsin Consulting Foresters.